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$$Ar^{1}$$
 X^{1} X^{1} X^{2} X^{2} X^{2} X^{2} X^{2} X^{3} X^{4}

(57) Abstract

The invention is directed to methods to treat conditions mediated by kinase using compounds of formula (1) and the pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof, or a pharmaceutical composition thereof, wherein Z is N or CR^1 , R^1 is a noninterfering substituent, each of X^1 and X^2 is a linker, Ar^1 and Ar^2 are identical or different, and represent optionally substituted C1–C20 hydrocarbyl residues wherein at least one of Ar^1 and Ar^2 is an optionally substituted aryl group, with the proviso that when X^2 is CH_2 or an isostere thereof, X^1 is CO or an isostere thereof, and CO is optionally substituted phenyl, CO is other than an optionally substituted indolyl, benzimidazolyl or benzotriazolyl substituent, and wherein said optionally substituted phenyl is not an optionally substituted indolyl, benzimidazolyl, or benzotriazolyl, Y is a noninterfering substituent, wherein n is an integer from 0–4, and wherein m is an integer from 0–4 and 1 is an integer from 0–3.

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